

NOTE: This form is being provided for information purposes only. The Emergency Loan Board is responsible for completion of this form in adherence with NEPA guidelines. Applicants are required to submit as part of their applications all the information necessary for the Board to complete this form as described in Section 500.206 of the program regulations.

Environmental Assessment and Compliance Findings for Related Environmental Laws

EMERGENCY OIL AND GAS GUARANTEE LOAN BOARD

Lender's Name:

Address:

Borrower's Name:

Address:

Project Location: (street, city, county/stat and zip code)

Project site is in a location described as (check all that apply):

Central city

Suburban

New construction

Infill urban development

In developing rural area

In undeveloped area

Rehabilitation

Note to Reader: An Environmental Assessment (EA) is a concise public document that a Federal agency must prepare in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the related Federal environmental laws and authorities. The EA must support the decision making process and provide a clear rationale, justification, and documentation for ratings assigned.

Instructions

During the review process: (i) answer all relevant questions on this checklist; (ii) use the spaces provided for comments to include supplemental information as well as to record any recommended mitigation measures or requirements, as appropriate, for approval of the loan guarantee; (iii) key your comments to the relevant questions (using additional sheets of paper to provide more detailed information); and (iv) use the spaces provided for source documentation to cite the information source used (e.g., title of a technical report, map, or special study; site inspection/field observation; name and location of the qualified data source(s) that provided the information, for example, U.S. EPA or other relevant Federal agency, the local planning agency, the State environmental protection agency, the State Historic Preservation Officer, or other

qualified data source.) Preparers are to obtain and use, as appropriate, any environmental report (Federal, State, or local) that may have already been prepared for the property or area in which the property is located.

Several different types of maps will be useful in completing the review, such as the project plan or plot map, a location map showing major features and facilities in the vicinity, the USGS topographic map and FEMA flood map for the site area, and zoning/land use maps. ***Many of the conditions can and should be recorded directly on the project plan.*** Distances to major features and facilities (e.g., schools and fire stations) and a description of the surrounding area are examples.

1. Environmental Report

List the Federal, State, or local agencies contacted to obtain their existing environmental reports and other data for the Board environmental review for the proposed project:

List the major reports obtained: (attach the report(s) or otherwise list the title, author, publication date)

2. Planning Findings

Is the project in compliance or conformance with the local zoning?

Yes No Not Applicable (If no or not applicable, explain)

Is the project located within a coastal management zone (CZM)?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, the State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Agency must make a finding that the project is not inconsistent with the approved State CZM program. (16 U.S.C. 1456; 15 C.F.R. Part 930)

Is the State's finding attached to this checksheet?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation:

Are there any unresolved conflicts concerning the use of the site (e.g., zoning variances)?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, briefly explain:

3. Coastal Barrier Resources

Is the project located within a coastal barrier designated on a current FEMA flood map or Department of Interior coastal barrier resources map?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, the law prohibits Federal funding of projects in designated coastal barriers.

4. Flood Management

Is the project located within a floodplain designated on a current FEMA flood map?

Yes No Identify FEMA flood map used to make this finding:

Community Name and Number:

Map Panel Number and Date of Map Panel:

If your answer is Yes, is there adequate insurance, or are appropriate mitigation measures being taken?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation:

5. Historic Preservation

(For projects involving new construction, rehabilitation of existing structures or demolition, you may wish to contact the SHPO as soon as practicable.)

Is the project or any portion thereof listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

Yes No

Is the project located within or directly adjacent to an historic district?

Yes No

Does the project's area of potential effects include an historic district or property?

Yes No

If your answer is YES to any of the above questions, consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and comply with 36 CFR part 800.

Has the SHPO been notified of the project and requested to provide comments? (The SHPO should first be provided with: a) a narrative of the project including its location; b) a map of the surrounding area that identifies adjacent streets and other identifiable objects; c) line drawings or sketches of the project; and d) photographs of affected properties if renovation or demolition is involved.)

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation:

6. Noise Abatement

Is the project located near a residential neighborhood, a school, hospital or similar facility, or a park or other recreational facility?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, are appropriate mitigation measures being taken at the project that will minimize or eliminate noise impacts?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation:

7. Endangered Species (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*)

Has the list from Department of Interior / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of Endangered Species and Critical Habitats been reviewed?

Yes No

Has either the Fish and Wildlife Service or the NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service been contacted, as appropriate, for comments on the project?

Yes No

Is the project likely to affect any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or critical habitats?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, compliance is required with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, which mandates a consultation

with the Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service in order to preserve the species.

Comments:

Source documentation:

8. Protection of Wetlands (E.O. 11990)

Are there drainage ways, streams, rivers, or coastlines on or near the site?

Yes No

Are there ponds, marshes, bogs, swamps or other wetlands on or near the site?

Yes No

For projects proposing new construction and/or filling, the following applies:

Is the project located within a wetland designated on a National Wetlands Inventory map of the Department of the Interior?

Yes No

Does the project require a wetlands permit from the U.S. Corps of Engineers, other than the nationwide permit?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, does the project comply with any mitigation measures required by the U.S. Corps of Engineers?

Yes No

Note E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands, discourages Federal funding of new construction or filling in wetlands.

Comments:

Source documentation:

9. Environmental Justice

Is the project located in a predominantly minority and low-income neighborhood?

Yes No

Does the project site or neighborhood suffer from disproportionately adverse environmental effects on minority and low-income populations relative to the community-at-large?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, compliance is required with E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice.

Comments:

Source documentation:

10. Farmland

If the project site is presently being farmed, does the project conform with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

Yes No

If the answer is yes, compliance could be required with 7 C.F.R. Part 658, Department of Agriculture regulations implementing the Act.

Comments:

Source documentation:

11. Unique Natural Features and Areas/Visual Impacts

Is the project site visual from natural features (i.e., bluffs or cliffs) or near public or private scenic areas?

Yes No

If yes, are such natural features or areas unique or have historical or cultural significance?

Yes No

Is the project site visual from residential neighborhoods, recreational facilities, historical or other areas of interest, or other similar developments?

Yes No

Will any such visual resources be adversely affected by the project?

Yes No

Comments:

12. Clean Air/Ambient Air Quality

a. Clean Air Permits

Is the PROJECT subject to a discharge permit

Comments:

Source documentation:

b. Ambient Air Quality

Is the project in a Non-Attainment area based upon NAAQS or State standards?

	Yes	No		Yes	No
CO	___	___	O3	___	___
NOX	___	___	Particulate Matter (PMX)	___	___
SOX	___	___	VOCs	___	___
Pb	___	___	Other: _____	___	___

If no, would the project result (either alone or in conjunction with other reasonably foreseeable activities) in the area becoming subject to Non-Attainment determinations?

Yes (What constituents: _____) No

If yes, would the project result (either alone or in conjunction with other reasonably foreseeable activities) in further significant degradation of the ambient air quality?

Yes (What constituents: _____) No

If yes to any of the above questions, are mitigation measures to be taken that would minimize or eliminate the impact of the project on ambient air quality for the area.

Yes No

Is the project in compliance with the air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP)?

Yes No Not Applicable

Comments:

Source documentation:

13. Soil Stability, Erosion, and Drainage

Slopes: Not Applicable Steep Moderate Slight

Is there evidence of slope erosion or unstable slope conditions on or near the site?

Yes No

Is there evidence of ground subsidence, high water table, or other unusual conditions on the site?

Yes No

Is there any visible evidence of soil problems (foundations cracking or settling, basement flooding, etc.) in the neighborhood of the site?

Yes No

Have soil studies or borings been made for the project site or the area?

Yes No Unknown

Do the soil studies or borings indicate marginal or unsatisfactory soil conditions?

Yes No

Is there indication of cross-lot runoff, swales, drainage flows on the property?

Yes No

Are there visual indications of filled ground?

Yes No

Are there active rills and gullies on site?

Yes No

If the site is not to be served by a municipal waste water disposal system, has a report of the soil conditions suitable for on-site septic systems been submitted?

Yes No N.A.

Is a soils report (other than structural) needed?

Yes No

Are structural borings or a dynamic soil analysis/geological study needed?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation

14. Transportation Systems/Traffic

Is the project readily accessible from:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Interstate Highway	—	—	Residential Areas	—	—

4-Lane or Larger Divided Road	___	___	Railroad	___	___
Commercial Highway	___	___	Mass Transit	___	___
			(Identify type(s) of Mass Transit: _____)		

Will the project require construction of new road or transportation systems in order to access the project?
 Yes No

Will the project require substantial modifications of existing roadways or transportation systems?
 Yes No

If yes to either above questions, will the construction or modifications entail substantial impacts on traffic patterns?
 Yes (How long?: _____) No

Will the project (either alone or in conjunction with other activities) result in a substantial increase in traffic, or the manner in which traffic accesses the project?
 Yes No

Are mitigation measures to be taken at the project that will minimize or eliminate impacts on traffic or transportation systems as a result of the project?
 Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation

15. Water Resources/Clean Water

a. Water Resources

Does the project site contain or is it near surface or underground water resources?
 Yes " No "

If yes, is the resource(s) used for, or it can be used for:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Drinking water	___	___	Industrial	___	___
Recreation	___	___	Transportation	___	___
Agriculture	___	___	Other: _____		

If yes to any above, will the project significantly impact such use?
 Yes No

If yes, what mitigation measures are expected to be taken at the project that will minimize or eliminate the impact?

Comments:

Source documents:

b. Water Supply

Is the site served by an adequate and acceptable water supply:
 Yes " No " ; : Municipal " Non-Municipal "

If the water supply is non-municipal, has an acceptable “system” been approved by appropriate authorities and agencies?
Yes “ No “

c. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

Does the project have a NPDES permit?
Yes No

What pollutants are covered by the NPDES permit:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Organics	_____	_____	Total suspended solids	_____	_____
Inorganics/Metals	_____	_____	Total dissolved solids (residue)	_____	_____
Ph	_____	_____	Temperature	_____	_____
Other: _____					

Are discharges from the project otherwise regulated under Subchapter D, “Water Programs,” 40 C.F.R.?
Yes No

As a result or part of the project, is there expected to be/has an application been made for a modification to the project’s NPDES permit?
Yes No

As a result or part of the project, has the project become subject to regulation under the NPDES permit system?
Yes No

Are mitigation measures expected to be taken at the project that will minimize or eliminate the need for a NPDES permit or modification?
Yes No

Comments:

Source Documentation:

d. Sanitary Sewer/Pre-Treatment

Does the project discharge to sanitary sewer system?
Yes No

Does the project have pre-treatment permit requirements for discharge?
Yes No

Will the project require modifications to the pre-treatment permit for the project?
Yes No

Is the point of treatment works in compliance with its NPDES permit?
Yes No

If the sanitary sewers and waste water disposal systems are non-municipal, has an acceptable “system” been approved by the appropriate authorities and agencies?
Yes No

Are mitigation measures expected to be taken at the project that will minimize or eliminate the need for a pre-treatment permit modification?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation:

40 CFR Part 141
listed in Tables 116.4A and 117.3 at 40 C.F.R. Part 116 and 117.

16. Solid Waste

a. Removal or remedial actions

Is the project included on CERCLIS?

Yes No

If yes, what is its HRS score:

Is the project on the NPL or similar State list?

Yes No

Is the project, or any part thereof, the subject of any administrative or judicial action by, agreement or order on consent with, or order from U.S. EPA, or an appropriate state regulatory agency (whether or not the agency has been delegated authority by U.S. EPA) respecting any environmental removal or remedial action (e.g., CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*)?

Yes-removal Yes-remedial Yes-both No

If yes, is the project in compliance with any and all terms and conditions of any agreement or order respecting such environmental removal or remedial action?

Yes No

Will the project, or any part of the project, affect the project's compliance with any agreement or order respecting such environmental removal or remedial action?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documents:

b. Generation of regulated wastes

If the project a TSD facility?

Yes-regulated Yes-unregulated No

Does the project have any regulated RCRA operable units?

Yes No

Is the project in compliance with all RCRA or other permits (including UST permits)?

Yes No

As a result of the project or any part of thereof, is it expected that the amount of regulated wastes that are generated by the project through operations will increase?

Yes No

As a result or any part of the project, is it expected that regulated wastes will be generated as a result of construction of facilities, infrastructure improvements, etc.?

Yes No

If yes, are mitigation measures expected to be taken which will minimize the generation of regulated wastes from the project, or resulting from the project?

Yes No

Comments:

Source documentation:

17. Conditions and Requirements for Approval:

Are mitigation measures required?

Yes No

If your answer is YES, list and describe:

Brief Description of the Project:

Field Inspection on: (date) By: (signature)